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Senator Gregg: Senate Should Protect Future Generations From Health Care Reconciliation Bill's "Fixes"

Senator Judd Gregg (R-NH), ranking member of the Senate Budget Committee, tonight commented on the House passage of the \$2.6 trillion health care and reconciliation package. The health care bill will go to the White House for enactment into law, while the reconciliation bill will be taken up by the Senate.

"The Democratic health care bill passed by the Senate on Christmas Eve and by the House tonight is extremely expensive, highly unpopular, and the wrong solution to our nation's health care problems. It will exacerbate our already serious fiscal situation and put our children in more perilous economic straits than ever before.

"The last thing we should do is allow this failed policy to worsen. The Senate should not accept a reconciliation bill that increases spending, taxes and Medicare cuts over the already egregious levels in the health care bill. The reconciliation bill was used to buy votes in the House, but that does not mean that the Senate should go along with this misguided exercise. Instead, the Senate should take steps to protect future generations from the effects of the reconciliation bill by rejecting it next week."